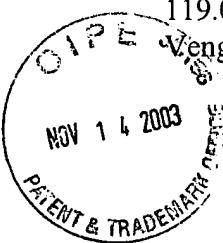


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Amendment Transmittal

Sir:

1. Transmitted herewith is an Amendment for the above-identified application, responsive to an Office Action dated August 11, 2003.

**FEE FOR CLAIMS AS AMENDED**

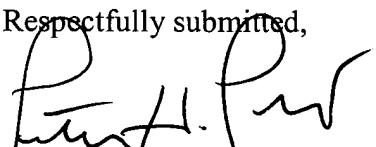
2.  No additional fee is required.
- The additional fee has been calculated as shown below:

CLAIMS AS AMENDED

	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest No. Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Rate		Additional Fee
Total Claims	18	-	20	0	x \$18.00	=	0.00
Independent Claims	4	-	5	0	x \$86.00	=	0.00
Multiple Dependent Claims	0	-	0	0	x \$290.00	=	0.00
						TOTAL	0.00

3.     [ X ] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for this amendment, including any fee for extension of time or credit any overpayment to Fitel USA Corp. **Deposit Account No. 50-2074.**  
A DUPLICATE COPY OF THIS SHEET IS ATTACHED.

Respectfully submitted,



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Transmittal of Formal Drawings

Sir:

Transmitted herewith are 11 sheets of formal drawings (Figs. 1-18) for the above identified case.

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